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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 1998, a request for a one-month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee being enclosed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered, without prejudice:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-6, 21 and 24, amend claims 22, 23, and 25-29 as indicated below, add new claim 37.

In the first line of each of claims 22, 23, and 25-29